

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, claims 1-25 were pending. Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. In this response, claim 19 has been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 19 has been canceled without prejudice, leaving the allowable claims. While Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims that are allowed.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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